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Sir:

In response to the election requirement in the Office Action mailed January 29, 2003, applicants hereby elect Specie I, the embodiment shown in Fig. 4 for examination in the event that no generic claim is found to be allowable. In addition to claim 1, which is considered to be generic by the Examiner, claims 3, 4 & 21 is also believed to be generic to all of the species. Furthermore, claims 2, 5-7, 10, 11, and 19 are considered to be readable on at least the elected embodiment.

In view of the foregoing, a prompt action on the merits of the elected embodiment is requested along with rejoinder of the none elected claims should one of the generic claims be found to be allowable.

Respectfully submitted,

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